

REMARKS

By this Amendment, a Substitute Specification has been submitted (with a marked up copy) to correct editorial issues noted by the Examiner and Draftsperson, a new Abstract is submitted, a new Title is submitted, Figures 1 and 3 are corrected and new Figures 7 and 8 are submitted (the subject matter of which being fully supported by the originally filed application), claims 1-9 are cancelled and new claims 10-20 are added merely to clarify the recited subject matter.

The Office Action objected to the drawings as not illustrating features recited in the claims including a power source, a circuit board, a plug in unit, an assembly head, etc. By this Amendment, Applicant has submitted new Figures 7 and 8 and asserts that the figures now more clearly illustrate the claimed subject matter.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. By this Amendment, those claims have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot; however, Applicant submits that newly added claims 10-20 conform fully with 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kato et al (U.S. Pat. 6,3707,041; hereafter "Kato") and also rejected claims 1-9 under that statute section as being anticipated by Kiesel et al. (U.S. Pat. 4,623,865; hereafter "Kiesel"). By this Amendment, those claims have been cancelled, rendering the rejections moot; however, Applicant submits that newly added claims 10-20 are patentable over Kato and Kiesel, analyzed individually or in combination with the prior art because those references fail to teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims.

For example, neither Kato nor Kiesel teach or suggest a noise suppressor unit for a power source module, wherein the noise suppressor unit comprises "**at least one lifting element, said lifting element is a part of the holder**, said lifting element is an elevation which projects substantially from the middle of the top surface of the holder, said lifting element projects through the common mode choke, and the noise suppressor unit comprises at least one surface mounting element for surface mounting the noise suppressor onto the circuit board of the power source module" as recited in independent claim 10 and its dependent claims 11-20.

Kato merely discloses a two-piece construction, which means that **Kato's lifting element is not a part of the holder** (for holding the common mode choke).

Kiesel merely discloses a primary current transformer, which is totally different item than noise suppression unit recited in the rejected claims. Further, although the Office Action previously asserted that Kiesel's cylinder portion 22 is a lifting means with an opening 9, there is no indication that the cylinder portion 22 has a closed top. In fact, Figure 1 of Kiesel indicates that the opening 9 is drawn all the way to the top of cylinder portion 22. Based on that illustration, one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the cylinder portion is open topped, which would leave no place for the assembly head to attach itself. Thus, the cylinder portion is not a lifting element, as argued by the outstanding Office Action.

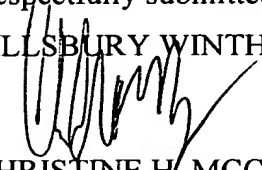
Moreover, Applicant's note that Kiesel's closed top cylinder 14 and the cap 11 are placed on top of the cylinder portion 22. As a result, one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that there is no way that the cylinder portion 22 could be used as a lifting element if it is under/inside two other elements.

Accordingly, neither Kato nor Kiesel teach or suggest the claimed subject matter recited in claims 10-20 including the claimed lifting means that is part of the holder. Thus, Applicant traverses the prior art rejection of the pending claims. Claims 10-20 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, claims 10-20 are believed to be in form for allowance, and a notice indicating such is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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**METHOD AND NOISE SUPPRESSOR UNIT FOR INSTALLING A COMMON MODE  
CHOKES FOR NOISE SUPPRESSOR IN A POWER SOURCE MODULE ONTO A  
CIRCUIT A NOISE SUPPRESSOR UNIT FOR A POWER SOURCE MODULE**

5                   **[0001]** This application is a Continuation of International Application  
PCT/FI00/00289 filed 4 April 2000 which designated the U.S. and was pub-  
lished under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

10                   **[0002]** The invention relates to a noise suppressor unit for installing  
and mounting a common mode choke for a noise suppressor in a power  
source module onto a circuit board of the power source module, the module  
being arranged onto a circuit board of a plug-in unit, wherein the noise sup-  
pressor unit comprises a holder having a bottom surface and onto which  
holder the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source  
15 module is arranged, at least one lifting element for an assembly head or the  
like of an automatic assembly machine for placing the noise suppressor unit  
onto the circuit board of the power source module with the automatic assembly  
machine or the like, and at least one surface mounting element for surface  
mounting the common mode choke for the noise suppressor onto the circuit  
20 board of the power source module.

**[0003]** A power source module is a separate current delivery device  
positioned onto a circuit board of a plug-in unit, the device comprising a circuit  
board for the power source module. Owing to the structure, which comprises  
two stacked circuit boards, the power source module only allows the use of  
25 especially low components in order for the combination to fit into the card slot  
reserved for it.

**[0004]** The operation of a power source causes much electromag-  
netic noise.

30                   **[0005]** The European Commission EMC directive (89/336/EEC) on  
electric devices determines which devices must not be disturbed by other de-  
vices and which must not disturb other devices.

**[0006]** In the current and future telecommunications community, the  
fulfilment of the requirements of the directives is of utmost importance, and  
also constitutes a competitive advantage. If electromagnetic noise cannot be  
35 filtered in the power source module, it propagates and may cause malfunction

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in the plug-in unit. As a result of this, the operation of the entire system may be disturbed.

5           **[0007]** For this reason, for preventing the propagation of noise, the interface between the power source and the plug-in unit may comprise a noise filter having, among other things, a common mode choke for a noise suppressor of the power source module. The operation of the noise filter is reciprocal.

**[0008]** Common mode chokes for noise suppressors in power source modules have previously been disposed on the circuit board of a plug-in unit.

10           **[0009]** Common mode chokes for noise suppressors in power source modules have previously been manually positioned onto the circuit board of the plug-in unit, and the ends of the choke coils have been soldered into openings on the circuit board of the plug-in unit.

15           **[0010]** When components are assembled onto a circuit board by modern production methods, the above-described conventional method cannot be used. A common mode choke for a noise suppressor in a power source module has to be able to be assembled automatically and surface mounted.

20           **[0011]** Such packages are commercially available that allow automated assembly and surface mounting of a common mode choke for a noise suppressor in a power source module, but owing to the two-piece holder+cover structure of the packages, the components become too high, and exceed the maximum height allowed for power source modules. One such coil component is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,307,041.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

25           **[0012]** The invention relates to a noise suppressor unit for installing a common mode choke for a noise suppressor in a power source module onto a circuit board of the power source module, the module being arranged onto a circuit board of a plug-in unit, for solving the above problems.

30           **[0013]** The objects of the invention are achieved by a noise suppressor unit which is characterized by what is stated in the independent claims. The preferred embodiments of the noise suppressor unit of the invention are disclosed in the dependent claims.

35           **[0014]** The solution of the invention allows placing the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module onto the holder so as to achieve a noise suppressor unit which can be positioned onto

the circuit board of the power source module by an automatic assembly machine and in which the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module can be surface mounted onto the circuit board of the power source module by means of surface mounting elements.

5           **[0015]** The solution of the invention allows the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module to be positioned directly onto the circuit board of the power source module. The advantages gained by the modification are significant. Noise can be filtered where it is created, i.e. in the power source module.

10           **[0016]** Power source modules can be constructed as completely independent units that the designer of the plug-in unit can connect to the plug-in unit without other external components.

**[0017]** The solution of the invention has various uses.

**[0018]** As components are assembled onto the circuit board, the  
15 holder of the noise suppressor unit acts as a transfer holder for the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module. The holder of the noise suppressor unit comprises a lifting element from which an automatic assembly machine can transfer the noise suppressor unit for example from a component palette to the circuit board of the power source module. The  
20 lifting element comprises preferably a grip surface for the assembly head or the like of the automatic assembly machine, the grip surface being located farther away from the bottom surface of the holder than does the outermost point seen from the bottom surface of the holder of the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module, from which grip surface  
25 the strainer of the assembly machine can transfer the noise suppressor unit from the component palette onto the circuit board of the power source module. If the lifting element has a substantially even lower grip surface and the holder a substantially even bottom surface, and they are substantially parallel, then the bottom surface of the holder of the noise suppressor unit can be easily  
30 positioned in parallel with the circuit board of the power source module at the assembly stage of the noise suppressor unit.

**[0019]** The surface mounting elements in the noise suppressor unit enable surface mounting of the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module.

35           **[0020]** Furthermore, the temperature of the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module rises in use, and the

noise suppressor unit of the invention allows it to be efficiently cooled. The use of a large number of surface mounting elements, for example eight, and/or a wide cross-section thereof, allow the common mode choke for the noise suppressor of the power source module to be efficiently cooled since the surface mounting elements efficiently transfer the heat caused by the choke to the cooling layers of the circuit board of the power source module. Efficient cooling enables the use of the noise suppressor unit in high-power applications.

[0021] In the solution of the invention, the height of the components does not present a problem since the power source module can be made low and the surface mounting feet of the surface mounting elements can be embedded in the bottom surface of the holder.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[0022] In the following the invention will be described in greater detail in connection with preferred embodiments with reference to the attached drawings, in which

[0023] Figure 1 schematically shows a power source module,

[0024] Figure 2 is a schematic side view of a noise suppressor unit of the invention,

[0025] Figure 3 is a top view of the holder of a noise suppressor unit,

[0026] Figure 4 is a side view of the holder of a noise suppressor unit,

[0027] Figure 5 is a bottom view of the holder of a noise suppressor unit, and

[0028] Figure 6 is a side view of the holder of a noise suppressor unit taken along line A-A 6-6(Figure 3),

[0029] Figure 7 is a schematic side view of a plug-in unit having a power source module, and

[0030] Figure 8 shows mounting of a noise suppressor unit onto a power source module.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0031] Figure 1 schematically shows a noise suppressor unit 1 of the invention for installing a common mode choke 2 for a noise suppressor in a power source module onto a circuit board 3 of a plug-in unit 16 arranged

onto a circuit board 4 of the power source module.

[003230] In addition to the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module, the noise suppressor unit 1 comprises, among other things, means for coupling the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module to the circuit board 4 of the power source module. The operation of such a common mode choke 2 for a noise suppressor in a power source module is known per se, and therefore not described in any greater detail herein.

[00334] The noise suppressor unit 1 comprises a holder 5, upon which the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module is arranged. The holder 5 may be made of plastic, for example.

[00342] The holder 5 shown in the figures comprises a bottom surface 6, which, during the assembly, faces the circuit board 4 of the power source module, and a top surface 7 on the opposite side of the bottom surface 6. In the figures, the bottom surface 6 is substantially even. In the figures, the top surface 7 of the holder is also substantially even.

[00353] The noise suppressor unit 1 comprises at least one lifting element 8 for the assembly head ~~(not shown)~~ 17 or the like of an automatic assembly machine 18 for placing the noise suppressor unit 1 onto the circuit board 4 of the power source module by the automatic assembly machine or the like (not shown).

[00364] The noise suppressor unit 1 comprises at least one surface-mounting element 9 for surface mounting the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module onto the circuit board 4 of the power source module. The noise suppressor unit 1 shown in the figures comprises eight surface mounting elements 9. The surface mounting elements 9 are made from some electrically conductive, surface mountable material.

[00375] At least one surface mounting element 9 is preferably arranged into an opening 10 in the holder 5 to make the surface mounting element 9 extend through the holder 5. The opening 10 is preferably so dimensioned and designed that it supports the surface mounting elements 9 and keeps them fixed in the opening 10.

[00386] The holder 5 shown in the figures comprises a ridge 11 which projects from the top surface 7 of the holder 5 and is provided with the openings 10. The ridge 11 serves for example to protect the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module particularly at

the assembly stage of the noise suppressor unit of the invention.

5       **[00397]** At least one surface mounting element 9 preferably comprises a surface mounting foot 12 for mounting the surface mounting element 9 to the circuit board 4 of the power source module, and a mounting head 13 to which the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module is coupled.

10       **[004038]** Each of the surface mounting elements 9 shown in the figures comprises a surface mounting foot 12 by means of which the surface mounting element 9 can be mounted to the circuit board 4 of the power source module, and a mounting head 13 which extends from the top surface 7 of the holder 5 and to which the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module is coupled.

15       **[003941]** There are preferably several surface mounting feet 12, for example eight, and they have preferably a large cross-sectional area so as to achieve efficient cooling of the noise suppressor, since thermal energy can be efficiently transferred along the surface mounting elements 9 to the circuit board 4 of the power source module.

20       **[00429]** Preferably at least one surface mounting foot 12 is at least partially embedded in the bottom surface 6. Such an arrangement provides a low noise suppressor unit.

25       **[00434]** The surface mounting feet 12 shown in the figures have a substantially even mounting surface 14, which is substantially parallel to the bottom surface 6. Such an arrangement provides a good contact between the noise suppressor unit 1 and the circuit board 4 of the power source module, and provides a low noise suppressor unit.

30       **[00442]** The noise suppressor unit 1 of the figures comprises only one lifting element 8. The lifting element 8 preferably projects from the top surface 7 of the holder 5. The lifting element 8 preferably projects substantially from the middle of the top surface 7 of the holder 5.

35       **[00453]** The lifting element 8 is preferably an elevation which projects from the top surface 7 of the holder 5.

**[00464]** The lifting element 8 preferably comprises a grip surface 15 for the assembly head or the like of the automatic assembly machine, the grip surface 15 being located farther away from the holder 5 than the outermost point of the common mode choke 2 for the noise suppressor of the power source module.



**[00475]** The grip surface 15 of the lifting element 8 is preferably substantially even, making it easier to grab for example with a strainer (not shown) at the assembly head of an automatic assembly machine.

**[00486]** The bottom surface 6 of the holder 5 and the grip surface 15 of the lifting element 8 are preferably substantially parallel.

**[00497]** It is obvious to those skilled in the art that as technology advances, the basic idea of the invention may be implemented in a variety of ways. Accordingly, the invention and its embodiments are not restricted to the above-described examples, but may vary with the scope of the claims.

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